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SUBJ: IRMAK DESIGNATED TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

1. IN SPEECH BROADCAST ON STATE RADIO AT

1 P.M. LOCAL MARCH 1, PRESIDENT KORUTURK NAMED SADI IRMAK,

INDEPENDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY CARETAKER PRIMIN,

TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT COUNTRY FACED INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRED PERIOD OF ARMISTICE AMONG PARTIES.

IN REFERENCE TO ISSUE OF EARLY ELECTIONS, HE SAID THERE WAS NEED

TO CONSULT WILL OF NATION. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD

BE NECESSARY TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT REPETITION OF PRESENT

PROLONGED GOVERNMENT CRISIS. (WHICH BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER 17

WITH RESIGNATION OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT).

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3. NEW PRIMIN-DESIGNATE TOLD REPORTERS AFTERWARD
THAT HE WOULD SEEK BROADEST POSSIBLE COALITION, AND THAT
JUSTICE PARTY AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY WOULD BE VITAL
ELEMENTS IN FORMATION OF SUCH COALITION. ASKED ABOUT EARLY
ELECTIONS, HE SAID QUESTION WAS FOR PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE,
BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED EARLY ELECTIONS NECESSARY.

4. ONLY OFFICIAL REACTION FROM POLITICAL PARTIES
SO FAR HAS COME FROM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WHOSE CHAIRMAN,
FERRUH BOZBEYLI, SAID HE WELCOMED IRMAK'S DESIGNATION AND WOULD
DO ALL HE COULD TO HELP FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE
ALSO HEARD FROM GOOD JOURNALISTIC SOURCE THAT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT IRMAK.
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